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SUBJECT: Kyrgyzstan: Ambassador Opens New Green Border Post

¶1. (U) On April 16, the Ambassador participated in the opening of a U.S.-funded "Green Border Post" station at Kamyshonava on the Kyrgyzstan-Kazakhstan border. Green Border Posts are located in remote areas, far from the main roads. The Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program is building 24 such posts in Kyrgyzstan, at an estimated cost of \$2.5 million.

¶2. (U) The new Kamyshanovka Green Border Post is a portable, container-like module that replaces a railroad car previously used as the headquarters for customs and border personnel. The new structure provides a heated space with plumbing, room for offices, and sleeping quarters, and it is equipped with modern technical equipment.

¶3. (U) The project was jointly funded by EXBS and U.S. Central Command. Since 2000, EXBS has provided over \$20 million in technical assistance to secure Kyrgyzstan's borders. Ambassador Gfoeller noted at the opening ceremony that the U.S. has a vested interest in the security and stability of the Kyrgyz Republic, which is why the Embassy plans to build 24 Kyrgyz Green Border Posts.

¶4. (U) The ceremony was well attended by high-level Kyrgyz government officials and non-governmental and international organizations. Chairman of the Border Service General-Major Zamir Molodshev presented EXBS Chief Edmund Hubbard with a medal "For Strengthening of Frontier Collaboration."

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